

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus capable of printing data by using another apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

~~creating~~ discrimination unit configured to ~~create setting information to print data~~ discriminate a number of pages which are printed in a sheet of paper, during a predetermined process of making a print data recognizable by the other apparatus in accordance with a print instruction by an operator of the information processing apparatus; and

~~calculating unit configured to calculate a print charge in accordance with the created setting information, based on a discrimination result discriminated by said discrimination unit~~ before the print data is sent to the network

~~wherein before the print data is sent to the network, the creating unit creates the setting information and the calculating unit calculates the print charge~~ before the print data is sent to the network [[,]]

~~and wherein the information processing apparatus serves as a host computer.~~

Claim 2 (Previously amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein calculation by said calculating unit is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~creating the setting information~~ the discrimination by said discrimination unit is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus, and calculation by said

calculating unit is performed by a charge application which is activated by a process different from the control program.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein whether calculation by said calculating unit is performed and whether the print data is sent to the network after the calculation by said calculating unit, is settable beforehand.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if the print charge calculated by said calculating unit exceeds a predetermined value, the print data is not sent to the network.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): A information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising notifying unit for notifying a user of the print charge calculated by said calculating unit.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising a unit responsive to an operation by the user for terminating a print process without sending the print data to the network or for changing ~~the setting information~~ a number of pages which are printed in a sheet of paper.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Previously presented): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said calculating unit calculates the print charge in accordance with charge information stored in the information processing apparatus.

Claim 10 (Original): An information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the charge information is updated in accordance with information received via the network

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A computer readable storage medium storing a program

executable by a computer for controlling a host computer capable of printing data using another apparatus connected to a network, the program comprising:

a ~~creating~~ discrimination code of creating setting information to print data executing a step of discriminating a number of pages which are printed in a sheet of paper, during a predetermined process of making a print data recognizable by the other apparatus ~~in accordance with a print instruction by an operator of the host computer~~; and

a calculating code of executing a step of calculating a print charge ~~in accordance with the created setting information~~; based on a discrimination result discriminated in said discrimination code

wherein ~~the creating code of creating the setting information and~~ the calculating code of calculating the print charge are executed before the print data is sent to the network.

Claim 13 (Original): A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein calculation by said calculating step is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus.

Claim 14 (Currently amended): A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein ~~creating the setting information~~ the discrimination in said discrimination code is performed by a control program for controlling the other apparatus, and calculation ~~by said calculating step in said~~ calculating code of executing a step of calculating a print charge is performed by a charge application which is activated by a process different from the control program.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein whether calculation by said calculating step is performed and whether the print data is sent to the network after the calculation by said calculating step, is settable beforehand.

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein if the print charge calculated by said calculating step exceeds a predetermined value, the print data is

not sent to the network.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): A storage medium according to claim 12, further comprising a notifying step of notifying a user of the print charge calculated by said calculating step.

Claim 18 (Currently amended): A storage medium according to claim 17, further comprising a code of executing a step, responsive to an operation by the user, of terminating a print process without sending the print data to the network or of changing the setting information a number of pages which are printed in a sheet of paper.

Claim 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Previously presented): A storage medium according to claim 12, wherein said calculating step calculates the print charge in accordance with charge information stored in the information processing apparatus.

Claim 21 (Original): A storage medium according to claim 20, wherein the charge information is updated in accordance with information received via the network.

Claim 22 (Cancelled)

Claim 23 (Currently amended): A computer program stored in a computer readable storage medium and executable on a computer to control a host computer capable of printing data by using an apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

a ~~creating~~ discrimination code of ~~creating setting information to print data~~ executing a step of discriminating a number of pages which are printed in a sheet of paper, during a predetermined process of making a print data recognizable by the other apparatus ~~in accordance with a print instruction by an operator of the host computer~~; and

a calculating code of executing a step of calculating a print charge ~~in accordance with the created setting information~~, based on a discrimination result discriminated in said

discrimination code

wherein the ~~creating code of creating the setting information and~~ the calculating code of calculating the print charge are executed before the print data is sent to the network.